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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: GALWAY HARBOUR EXTENSION PI 61.PA.0033

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We refer to the above Planning Application from Galway Harbour Company regarding the extension of Galway Port.

Achilles is an international company that creates and manages a global network of collaborative industry communities, allowing trading partners to share high quality, structured, real-time data.

In Ireland, Achilles Procurement Services Ltd is the community for Irish utilities in the energy, port and postal, transport, oil and gas, and private sectors. It enables the buying organisations to use Achilles' proven supplier pre-qualification system to manage risk within the supply chain and comply with EU regulations. Launched in 1997, Supply-Line's variety of buying entities provides suppliers with a unique range of business opportunities.

Amongst our customers in Ireland are Shell, ExxonMobil and Providence Resources. To date most off-shore activities have been serviced either from Aberdeen or Cork, however significant activities/interest in the Porcupine Basin and Spanish Point fields demonstrate the requirement for additional port facilities in other locations around our coast. In addition the current services/facilities in Cork will very quickly command a commercial premium if there are no other viable port options available.

The existence of an additional deep water port in Galway, which can readily demonstrate immediate access to all of the prerequisite ancillary services for the oil & gas industry, would be a major benefit to Galway and the surrounding environs.

Achilles Procurement Services Ltd wishes to support the Galway Harbour Company in their Planning Application regarding the extension of Galway Port.

Yours faithfully,

Lionel McCarthy

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